House Resolution No. 3342

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in acknowledging milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State young women who have admirably dedicated themselves to exceptional participation in the Girl Scouts of America program with its emphasis on maturation and growth as a person, citizen, and leader; and

Whereas, Kim Elsing of Girl Scout Troop 516 has earned the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award, which was presented to her on May 4, 2008, at Highland Springs Country Club in Springfield, Missouri; and

Whereas, Kim Elsing fulfilled all of the diverse requirements for her Gold Award, including devoting herself to the many hours necessary to garner four IP Badges, the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Community Service Bar Pin, the Community Service Bar for Contributions in Girl Scout, the Girl Scout Senior Challenge Pin, the Ten Year Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and Dreams to Reality; and

Whereas, Kim Elsing also designed a self-development plan that requires assessment of her ability to interact with others and prioritize values, participation for a minimum of fifteen hours in a community service project, and development of a plan to promote Girl Scouting; and

Whereas, Kim Elsing spent a minimum of fifty hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award Project that had a positive and lasting impact on the community, a project that has come to be known as "Juliette's Gardens", a Girl Scout camp that required 1300 hours, three years, and involved a team of scouts who cleared land, built camp fire rings, built a walking bridge, made signs, raised funds, and landscaped, among many other project-related activities; and

Whereas, a formal dedication ceremony for "Juliette's Gardens", located in Rolla, Missouri, is planned for June 7, 2008; and

Whereas, officially designated in 1980 as the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award is attained by only five thousand Girl Scouts annually:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Girl Scout Kim Elsing and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon completing the stringent requirements for a Girl Scout Gold Award and our best wishes for continued success and achievement in life for many, many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Kim Elsing, daughter of Alan and Judy Elsing of Rolla, Missouri.

Offered by

Representative Bob May District No. 149

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3342, adopted June 2, 2008.